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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING AT THE BORDER

(San Diego) The San Diego Police Homicide Unit is investigating an officer involved shooting by a Border Patrol Agent. On August 12, 2008, at about 10:00 p.m., San Diego Police officers received an urgent radio call to assist Border Patrol Agents who were being attacked with rocks at 300 Virginia Road near the border fence line.

Responding police officers learned that several suspects on the Mexico side of the border were throwing large rocks at agents patrolling the area. Agents deployed less lethal munitions in an effort to disperse the group of suspects and eliminate the attack. The deployment of "pepper ball" munitions and other chemical agents failed to prevent further attack and/or move the suspects. One Border Patrol Agent fearing for his life and the safety of others fired his service weapon at a suspect striking him in the torso area. All suspects immediately fled into Mexico.

The initial investigation has revealed that the injured suspect, described as a Latino male (23 years), has sought medical attention at a Tijuana hospital. The extent of injuries is not known at this time and the suspect's identity has not been confirmed.

The involved agent is a 10-year-veteran of the U.S. Border Patrol. His name is being withheld pending completion of the investigation.

Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to telephone the SDPD Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 OR Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS.

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